

# Arkansas

## Crop Progress and Condition



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Reporting for the week ending April 27, 2008.

### General

Every weather station reported some precipitation last week, ranging from 0.34 inch in Hope to 4.17 inches in Monticello. Of the 36 reporting stations, 10 recorded more than two inches of rainfall. High temperatures ranged from 81 degrees to 90 degrees Fahrenheit. Low temperatures ranged from 37 degrees Fahrenheit in Fayetteville to 56 degrees Fahrenheit in Texarkana. Average temperatures were above normal for all reporting stations. Topsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent short, 45 percent adequate, and 54 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 51 percent adequate and 49 percent surplus. The number of days suitable for field work was 4.3.

### Crop

Warmer temperatures and a few dry days allowed producers to work in the fields. Despite corn plantings increasing 22 percent last week, farmers were still 32 and 28 percent behind the 2007 and the five year average, respectively. Corn emerged increased 14 percent, but was 39 percent behind the five year average. Farmers planted an additional 3 percent of the cotton crop. Rice producers planted 21 percent of the crop to reach 37 percent, but rice emerged increased only 5 percent. Sorghum plantings, at 13 percent, were 62 percent behind 2007 and 46 percent behind the five year average. Soybean producers reached 9 percent planted by the end of the week. Winter wheat headed continued to lag behind 2007 and the five year average as it was 43 percent and 26 percent behind, respectively. Winter wheat was reported in mostly fair to good condition. Many winter wheat producers reported disease and were spraying fungicides to control the problem.

### Livestock

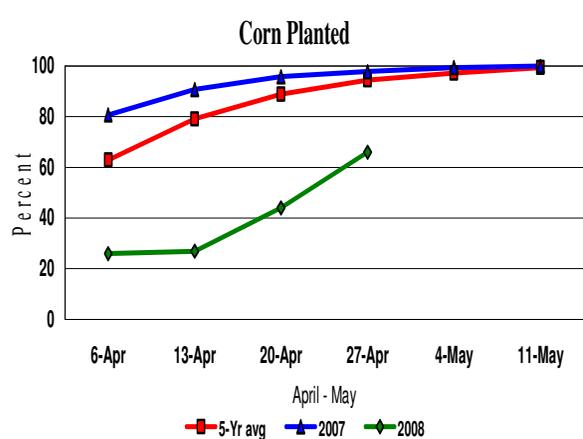
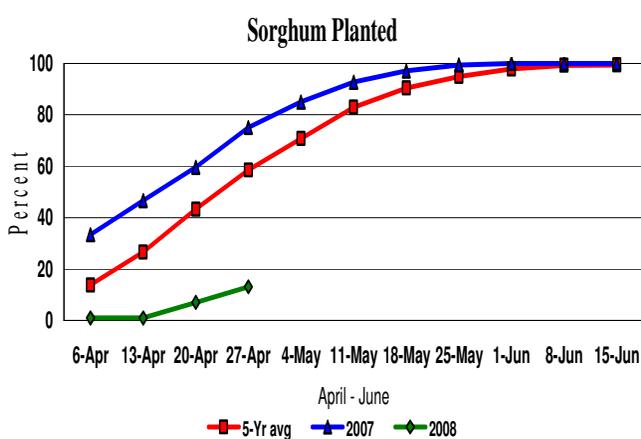
Cattle were in fair to good condition. Some producers were fertilizing and spraying for weeds in pastures and hay fields. Pastures were in mostly fair to good condition as were alfalfa and other hay crops.

### Percent of Progress

Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2007	5-Year Avg
Corn	Planted	66	44	98	94
	Emerged	40	26	89	79
Cotton	Planted	8	5	13	17
Rice	Planted	37	16	61	69
	Emerged	6	1	30	33
Sorghum	Planted	13	7	75	59
Soybeans	Planted	9	5	20	12
Winter Wheat	Headed	47	20	90	73

### Condition in Percentages

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	5	14	37	40	4
Hay-Alfalfa	2	0	20	75	3
Hay-Other	0	3	31	62	4
Pasture and Range	0	6	30	54	10



**Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending April 27, 2008**

District	Station	Temperatures			Rainfall				
		High	Low	Dep from Normal *	Wk Ending Apr. 27	4 wk	4 wk	Year to Date	
						Accum	Normal	2008	Normal
<b>Northwest</b>	Fayetteville	82	37	4	2.34	9.35	4.02	23.96	12.79
	Harrison	81	39	3	2.48	8.83	3.79	23.28	13.37
<b>N. Central</b>	Calico Rock	81	38	4	2.19	11.90	4.06	31.39	14.57
	Gilbert	83	40	2	2.47	13.42	3.73	36.15	13.59
	Greers Ferry	83	42	3	1.08	6.08	4.68	22.51	16.72
	Mtn. Home	84	40	4	1.51	10.14	3.84	31.82	14.15
<b>Northeast</b>	Batesville	82	42	4	0.96	5.78	4.44	23.75	15.63
	Blytheville	85	50	4	0.94	6.64	4.89	19.70	17.24
	Jonesboro	83	46	2	1.02	8.23	4.63	22.55	16.03
	Keiser	85	50	4	0.87	7.58	4.54	20.26	17.00
	Newport	81	48	1	2.19	9.70	4.70	27.09	16.42
<b>W. Central</b>	Booneville	85	43	1	0.70	7.46	3.95	26.91	14.44
	Clarksville	83	42	3	0.90	8.33	4.15	26.50	14.44
	Dardanelle	83	44	3	0.42	8.76	3.90	29.04	14.94
	Ft. Smith	85	44	5	0.78	9.05	3.59	23.01	12.55
	Mena	83	45	4	1.60	10.28	4.78	28.76	17.02
	Ozark	85	44	5	0.74	7.97	3.34	23.89	13.47
<b>Central</b>	Conway	83	45	3	1.08	7.37	4.68	25.92	15.98
	Hot Springs	90	44	2	1.44	11.91	4.90	29.29	17.97
	Little Rock	85	50	5	1.11	10.59	5.11	22.54	17.01
	Morrilton	84	44	3	0.57	6.41	4.05	23.94	15.30
	N. Little Rock	84	48	2	0.64	9.14	4.65	21.66	16.27
<b>E. Central</b>	Brinkley	84	52	3	1.90	9.99	4.80	21.76	17.37
	Marianna	84	53	4	2.07	10.82	4.94	25.28	18.69
	Stuttgart	86	51	4	1.76	9.71	4.93	20.72	17.35
	West Memphis	85	51	5	1.37	10.41	5.13	21.80	19.07
<b>Southwest</b>	DeQueen	86	45	6	0.56	6.65	4.47	18.06	17.01
	Hope	85	41	6	0.34	8.18	4.58	24.58	17.82
	Texarkana	84	56	4	1.58	6.99	3.69	18.54	14.79
<b>S. Central</b>	Camden	87	48	3	0.54	5.90	4.34	15.63	18.31
	El Dorado	86	54	4	0.64	2.67	4.23	12.30	18.71
	Warren	84	50	4	3.08	8.31	4.84	19.55	20.48
<b>Southeast</b>	Eudora	89	53	3	3.68	9.76	5.75	21.09	22.64
	Monticello	86	54	5	4.17	7.17	4.93	16.94	20.53
	Pine Bluff	87	53	4	0.53	7.74	4.80	16.02	18.23
	Rohwer	86	55	3	3.49	7.83	4.76	18.03	19.53

Departure from normal =  $\frac{(\text{high} - \text{low})}{2}$  - 30 year average.

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